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TO: WASHDPA

CITE: FRANP (ASCHAM)

1. AT MEETING YESTERDAY WITH UTILITY, [] AND [] REVIEWED ZIPPER SITUATION AND HIS PROJECTED VISIT TO U.S. END OF SEPTEMBER.

2. IN PARTICULAR WE IMPRESSED UPON UTILITY VITAL IMPORTANCE THAT ZIPPER ORGANIZATION SHOULD KEEP ITS HANDS OUT OF LOCAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND MAINTAIN ITS POSITION AS AN INTELLIGENCE SERVICE OPERATING SOLELY OUTSIDE OF COUNTRY.

3. WE MENTIONED TO UTILITY RUMORS WE HAD HEARD THAT ZIPPER WAS VIEWED AS NUCLEUS FOR FUTURE GERMAN GENERAL STAFF AND ALSO AS A KIND OF LOCAL SECRET SERVICE THAT WAS ENDEAVORING TO PENETRATE DOMESTIC OBJECTIVES AND WE STRESSED THE DANGER THAT SUCH RUMORS MIGHT LEAD TO POLITICAL OR OTHER PUBLICITY.

4. UTILITY RECOGNIZED THAT THERE WAS SOME INTRIGUING AGAINST ZIPPER AND THAT HE HAD CAUGHT CERTAIN PENETRATION ATTEMPTS RED-HANDED. HE ALLEGED THAT AT LEAST ONE OF THESE ATTEMPTS WAS DUE TO BRITISH INITIATIVE. HE FELT THAT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL TO TAKE BRITISH HEAT OFF THE ZIPPER ORGANIZATION BY GETTING THEM INTERESTED IN MAINTENANCE OF ZIPPER AND CLARIFYING TO THEM ITS NON-POLITICAL OBJECTIVES. THIS IS IN LINE WITH THE RECOMMENDATION IN PARA 5 OF 4031 (IN 19085) FRAND ALTHOUGH UTILITY DID NOT GO SO FAR AS TO SUGGEST AN EXCHANGE OF ZIPPER MATERIAL WITH BRITISH.

5. MCCLOY FULLY INFORMED.

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